

The Dalton Police Department conducts an Adult Citizens' Police Academy once a year.

Adult Citizens' Police Academy (21 years of age and older)

The Citizens' Police Academy is a group of Dalton citizens who are interested in learning more about how their police department operates and the policing challenges our city faces. Participants in each session commit to meeting for three hours one night per week, for ten weeks, to learn about each aspect of the department.

The purpose of the Dalton Police Citizens' Academy is to develop positive relations between the police and community through education. The goals are to create a growing nucleus of responsible, well-informed citizens who have the potential of influencing public opinions about police practices and services. Citizens will gain an appreciation of the problems and challenges facing law enforcement and have an opportunity to offer comments and ideas regarding solutions.

Subjects covered during the academy are as follows: History of the Dalton Police Department, Youth Issues, Firearms Polices/Use of Force, Patrol Division, Search and Seizure/Laws of Arrest, Department Tour, Observer Ride-a-longs with Officers, Criminal Investigations, Gang Problems, Motor Vehicle Enforcement, Communications Division, Items of interest to participants. These are just a few of the subjects covered.

To participate in the academy, you must be a resident of the city of Dalton, business owner in town, or otherwise have a vested interest in the city, be 21 years of age, and a United States citizen. Participants will be chosen at the discretion of the Chief of Police and will represent a cross section of the community. There is no fee. **The next Citizens' Academy is tentatively set for February 2011.**

For more information, call Sergeant Jamie Johnson at (706) 278-9085, ext 175 or by e-mail at jjohnson@cityofdaltonga.gov

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Q. Is there a way for citizens to become more knowledgeable about the Police Department?

Teen Citizens' Police Academy

The Teen Citizens' Academy has been discontinued at this time.